

The Wildcat Gazette

St. Anne - Newsletter



January 6, 2014

It is with great sadness that I inform our school community of the passing of our Superintendent, Mr. Ron St. Louis. He was with our Board for just a short period of time, however, he had a huge impact on student achievement and on the lives of many of our highest needs students. He will be sadly missed and we ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers.

Our Christmas concerts were both well attended and a great success. Thanks to everyone who came and those who worked hard to make the performances so wonderful.

The calendar for January can be found with this newsletter. It outlines the activities we have planned for this month. Please note that skating continues for our students this month. Look carefully at the dates for each grade so you ensure that your child has his/her skates on the appropriate dates. Finally, I hope you all have had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Wishing you and yours a very Happy New Year!



Mrs. Pichette

FOCUS ON FAITH



Our monthly mass will be celebrated on January 16th at 9:30 am at Sts. Martyrs Church. All parents and families are welcome to join us. Please review our virtue of the month – Fortitude (courage) along with the Grandfather teaching of Bravery.



AWESOME NEWS

We will be housing a “**Before and After School Program**” in the school, run by the Early Learning Centre. It is set to begin on Monday, January 27, 2014.

Hours of operation:
7:30-8:30 a.m. & 3:15-5:15 p.m.

The individual and family rates are as follows:

30 minutes blocks from time of arrival to departure time. ex. 3:15-3:50 (2 blocks)

1 child- \$2.00 per block (1-30 minutes)

2 children- \$3.00 per block(1-30minutes)

3 children- \$ 3.50 per block (1-30 minutes)

A registration form will be made available in the New Year for parents to complete **PRIOR** to the child's/children first day.

Contact information -Rozanne Charette
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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014 at 6 pm

Everyone welcome!

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WINTER REMINDERS



Please keep in mind with the cold weather here, that you ensure your child dresses warmly. For older students, please remind them that if they wear it to school (boots, hats, mitts), then they must wear it at recess! Being "cool" can be a safety risk if they don't dress appropriately. Children must go outside unless the temperature drops to -28 with the wind chill factor. If your child is too sick to go outside or participate in school activities, they should remain at home until such time as they are healthy. We don't want to pass on sickness to everyone!



HEALTHY EATING

We have healthy snacks (fruits, vegetables, yogurt tubes, muffins) being served twice per week and smoothies or yonanas, once per week. As of January, we will also be re-starting the "Cup o' soup" program with home-made soup, once per week for lunch as well. It will continue to be made and served by the Essential skills class.

In keeping with our push toward healthy eating, we are asking parents to re-evaluate what is being sent with children for snacks and lunches. Please limit items that contain a large amount of sugar or fat. Healthy alternatives include such items as fruits and vegetables, granola bars, fruit or yogurt cups, cheese and crackers, bits and bites, etc. Pop, chocolate bars and chips are strictly prohibited and will be returned home with them at the end of the day. Good habits start young, and we only want the best for your children!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Another area of focus for improvement at St. Anne's is in the area of Safety with respect to Bullying Prevention and Intervention. We are finalizing our school plan at our next staff meeting and following approval at our School Council meeting. It will be posted on the St. Anne website before the end of the month for your perusal. Should you wish to have input, please join us at our next school council meeting.

As a parent, you can help by remaining positive with your comments about the school rules, code of conduct and intervention programs. Remind your child of the difference between Bullying and regular childhood conflict. Conflicts happen with disagreements, and are a regular part of growing up. They are meant to be resolved and/or mediated so that children learn to deal with them independently as they become adults. Bullying is aggressive and typically repeated behavior with the effect of causing harm, fear or distress to others. We are working hard to ensure children know the difference between these terms.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our Student Council will be holding another dance on Jan. 10th. They anticipate increased attendance.

Dance for the primary students continues once per week.

Parents are invited for Hot chocolate and to read along with their children on Family Literacy Day – January 27th – more details to follow.